

Overcoming Your Inner Critic

Self-criticism can be a relentless voice that lowers your confidence, makes you doubt your worth, and keeps you from seeing your strengths. Overcoming it requires effort, kindness toward yourself, and practical strategies to change this inner voice into one that helps rather than hurts. This workbook gives you useful tools to tackle and change self-critical thoughts. Each worksheet has a specific purpose, guiding you through exercises to build self-compassion, recognize your strengths, and become more resilient.

Here is a brief introduction to each worksheet included in this workbook:

1. Cognitive Restructuring:

This worksheet will help you identify and challenge self-critical thoughts, giving you practical steps to replace them with balanced, constructive ones. Cognitive restructuring is about questioning the accuracy and helpfulness of these thoughts so that you can begin to reshape your mindset in a healthier, kinder direction.

2. Personal Strengths Inventory:

In this exercise, you'll identify and reflect on your unique strengths, talents, and qualities. This inventory serves as a powerful reminder of your inherent worth, helping to shift your focus from what you criticize to what you genuinely appreciate about yourself.

3. Self-Care Inventory:

Self-care is essential for building resilience and self-compassion. This worksheet invites you to assess your current self-care practices and consider ways to improve or expand them. Prioritizing self-care helps to counteract the impact of self-criticism by reinforcing the idea that you deserve kindness and support.

4. Practicing Gratitude:

Gratitude can be a powerful antidote to self-criticism. This exercise encourages you to shift your focus outward by acknowledging what you're grateful for in yourself and in your life. Practicing gratitude not only enhances your mood but also fosters a more balanced view of yourself.

5. Overcoming Shame:

Shame often fuels self-criticism, making it hard to see ourselves objectively. This worksheet will help you explore and release shame by examining its origins and impacts, enabling you to build a more compassionate and understanding relationship with yourself.

6. Setting SMART Goals:

Setting specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals can empower you to take actionable steps toward self-improvement and build confidence. This worksheet helps you set realistic goals that encourage growth, helping to quiet self-criticism by replacing it with achievable milestones.



Cognitive Restructuring

Cognitive restructuring is a powerful CBT technique that can help you challenge negative beliefs you have about yourself that are holding you back and affecting your self-esteem. By practicing cognitive restructuring, you can begin to challenge and change the self-critical thoughts that lead to feelings of inadequacy and frustration. Over time, this process can help you build a more balanced and realistic selfview, reducing the impact of negative thinking on your overall well-being.



NEGATIVE

BEHAVIOR

What you do

Example: Become distant

and less communicative with

friends.

NEGATIVE THOUGHT

What you think

Example: Everyone hates me.

Here is an example of how a negative thought causes negative emotions and behaviors. Using cognitive restructuring to change the thoughts can change the emotions and behaviors.



You were not invited to dinner with friends

NEGATIVE EMOTION

What you feel

Example: Sadness and feelings of worthlessness or depression.



POSITIVE THOUGHT

What you think

Example: There could be many reasons I wasn't included, like they assumed I was busy or it was a small, spontaneous gathering.



If you have a positive thought following a triggering event, positive emotions and behaviors follow. Those positive behaviors lead to more positive thoughts, and the positive cycle continues.



Triggering Event

You were not invited to dinner with friends

POSITIVE EMOTION

What you feel

Example: Disappointment, but also understanding and neutrality.



What you do

Example: Reach out to your friends to catch up, or even ask about the dinner in a non-confrontational way.







Cognitive Restructuring

THOUGHT

What you think in a situation Ex: Everyone hates me

EMOTION

How you feel
Ex: I feel sad and worthless

BEHAVIOR

How you act in the situation Ex: I withdraw from the people I love and treat myself poorly

It's important to understand that our automatic thoughts affect our feelings and influence our behavior.

You can recognize unhealthy thought patterns that are causing you low self-esteem by practicing cognitive restructuring. Use the questions below each time you're experiencing unwanted thoughts that lead to unhealthy behaviors.

Thoughts	
Is my thought factual?	
What evidence do I have to support my thought?	
What would someone else say about the situation?	
Is it possible to view this situation differently?	





Growing up with constant criticism, controlling behavior, or unrealistic expectations from others can lead you to develop a harsh inner critic. This self-critical voice can deeply affect your mental health, making you feel inadequate and fueling stress and anxiety. When you constantly tell yourself you're not good enough, you can get stuck in a cycle of self-doubt, focusing only on perceived flaws and failures instead of seeing your strengths and moving forward.

A personal strengths inventory can help you break free from this cycle. By identifying and recognizing your unique strengths, you can start shifting your focus from this negative inner critic to your positive qualities. This practice can help you reshape how you see yourself, developing a more balanced and compassionate self-view.

PART 1: Discovering Your Strengths

Take some time to read through the list of attributes carefully and circle at least 6 strengths that you believe apply to you.

Self-Control

I manage my emotions and impulses, which allows me to make thoughtful choices.

Confidence

I believe in my abilities and have positive expectations of success.

Flexibility

I adapt to change, adjust my approach, and think creatively in new situations.

Ambition

I have a strong desire and determination to achieve success and accomplish my goals.

Wisdom

I use knowledge and experience to make sound judgments and decisions.

Creativity

I think outside the box and generate original ideas.

Curiosity

I desire to to ask questions, discover new things, and expand my knowledge.

Bravery

I face fear, uncertainty, or danger with determination and resolve.

Fairness

I believe in just treatment, and that everyone has equal opportunities.

Forgiveness

I let go of resentment and anger, choosing to understand and move on from a hurtful experience.

Gratitude

I appreciate and am thankful for the positive aspects of life.

Honesty

I am truthful and sincere in my words and actions.





Optimism

I expect the best possible outcome and believe in a brighter future.

Humility

I have a modest view of my importance, which allows me to learn from others.

Humor

I have the ability to find and share amusement, and create a lighter perspective on challenges.

Kindness

I am caring, considerate, and desire to help others.

Patience

I stay composed while waiting or facing challenges, without getting frustrated or giving up.

Love of Learning

I have an enthusiasm for acquiring knowledge and skills, driven by a desire for understanding.

Perseverance

I am committed to see things through, despite obstacles and setbacks.

Open Mindedness

I am willing to consider new ideas and perspectives with receptiveness.

Teamwork

I collaborate effectively with others to achieve a shared goal.

Social Awareness

I understand the emotions, needs, and perspectives of others.

Spirituality

I believe in a purpose or connection to something larger than myself.

Enthusiasm

I have a zest and passion that fuels my excitement and motivation.

Generosity

I give my time, resources, or skills to help others without expecting anything in return.

Problem-Solving

I am able to analyze situations, identify solutions, and overcome challenges effectively.

Dependability

I am reliable and others can count on me to fulfill my commitments and responsibilities.

Authenticity

I live and express myself genuinely, being true to my values and beliefs.

Adventurousness

I am eager to experience new and exciting things, with a sense of curiosity and daring.

Assertiveness

I communicate my needs, wants, and opinions clearly and confidently.

Independence

I am self-sufficient and resourceful, taking responsibility for my own well-being.

Logic

I am able to think clearly and reach sound conclusions based on reason and evidence.





PART 2: Applying Your Strengths to Relationships

Use the prompts to explore how you currently use your strengths in your romantic relationship(s), friendships, and family. Then, discover how you can apply your strengths in new ways to achieve relational growth.

Lists the strengths you possess that help you in your relationships:
Describe a specific time your strengths were able to help your relationships:
Describe two new ways you could use your strengths to help you in your relationships:





PART 3: Applying Your Strengths to Your Profession

Use the prompts to explore how you currently use your strengths in your professional endeavors (at work or school). Then, discover how you can apply your strengths in new ways to achieve professional growth.

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PART 4: Applying Your Strengths to Achieve Personal Fulfillment

Use the prompts to explore how you currently use your strengths to increase your sense of purpose and enjoyment. Then, discover how you can apply your strengths in new ways to achieve personal growth.

Lists the st	rengths you possess that help you	ı achieve personal fulfillment:	
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Describe a	specific time your strengths were	e able to help you with personal f	ılfillment:
Describe ty	vo new ways you could use your s	strengths to help you with person	al fulfillment:





Self-Care Inventory

Taking care of yourself is essential when dealing with intense self-criticism. Self-care includes any activity that supports your mental, emotional, and physical well-being, helping you build resilience against negative self-talk. This can mean setting boundaries with yourself, taking breaks to recharge, or seeking support from trusted friends or professionals. These practices create space for you to process feelings and gradually rebuild self-compassion.

This worksheet will guide you in exploring different self-care activities to improve your well-being. You'll rank each activity on a scale from 1-3 to see how well you're currently engaging in these practices. Afterward, you can "star" the activities you'd like to focus on more. The aim is to help you recognize what types of self-care work for you, where you're already doing well, and areas to strengthen to feel better overall.

Ranking

- 1 I rarely engage in this, and it is not a regular part of my routine.
- 2 I occasionally engage in this, but it is not consistent.
- 3 I regularly engage in this, and it is a frequent part of my routine.
- ★ I want to do this more frequently.

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Physical Self-Care: Improving your physical health.

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	Engaging in regular physical activity such as walking, running, yoga, or strength training.
	Ensuring you get enough restful sleep each night to rejuvenate your body.
	Eating a balanced and nutritious diet, including plenty of fruits, vegetables, and grains.
	Drinking enough water throughout the day to stay hydrated.
	Maintaining good hygiene practices such as bathing, brushing teeth, and grooming.
	Attending regular check-ups and following medical advice from healthcare professionals.
	Taking time to relax and unwind, through activities like taking a bath and getting a massage.
	Limiting or avoiding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.
	Spending time outdoors in natural sunlight to enhance vitamin D levels and improve mood.
	Paying attention to your body's needs, such as stretching when tense or resting when tired.





Self-Care Inventory

1 2 3	*	Emotional Self-Care: Processing & expressing your emotions.
		Participating in activities you enjoy to boost your mood and provide a sense of fulfillment.
		Spending time with friends and family to build support and reduce feelings of isolation.
		Practicing mindfulness to stay present and manage negative thoughts.
		Writing down thoughts and feelings to process emotions and gain insights.
		Keeping a gratitude journal or reflecting on things you are thankful for.
		Using positive affirmations to counter negative self-talk and build self-esteem.
		Using music to relax, uplift your mood, or express your emotions.
		Expressing your emotions through art, music, writing, or other creative outlets.
		Set achievable goals and celebrate your progress, no matter how small.
		Regular sessions with a therapist or counselor to explore and address emotional challenges.
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Self-Care Inventory

1 2 3	Professional Self-Care: Maintaining a healthy work-life balance and pursuing career development opportunities.					
	Clearly defining work hours and sticking to them to ensure a healthy work-life balance.					
	Stepping away from work to recharge, through daily short breaks and using vacation time.					
	Talking to a supervisor or HR about mental health challenges (if it feels safe).					
	Exploring available support options, such as employee assistance programs (EAP).					
	Organizing and prioritizing work tasks to manage workload effectively and reduce stress.					
	Ensuring your work environment is comfortable and conducive to productivity.					
	Establishing achievable work goals and celebrating small accomplishments.					
	Being kind to yourself during work and avoiding excessive self-criticism.					
	Building positive relationships with coworkers for mutual support and camaraderie.					
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Gratitude is more than just a positive emotion; it is a powerful tool that can transform your mental health and overall outlook on life. When practiced consistently, gratitude can help you focus on the good in your life, build resilience, and improve your relationships. This worksheet is designed to guide you through the process of recognizing and appreciating the positive aspects of your daily experiences.

PART 1: Daily Gratitude List

Write down three things you are grateful for each day. (Example page.)

WEEK 1	Gratitude 1	Gratitude 2	Gratitude 3
M	Example: The taste of fresh coffee in the morning.	The kind text my friend sent me.	The relaxing bath I took to unwind.
Т	A productive work meeting where I felt heard.	My cozy blanket keeping me warm while I read.	A surprise call from my mom to check on me.
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PART 2: Weekly Reflection

Reflect on your gratitude entries at the end of each week. Answer the following questions:

Which gratitude entries for this week stood out to you the most and why?

The gratitude entry that stood out the most this week was "taking a quiet walk in the park." It felt so refreshing to be surrounded by nature and to have a moment of calm away from my usual busy routine. I realized how much these small breaks can help me feel grounded. Another entry that stood out was "a kind message from a friend." It reminded me that I have a support system and people who genuinely care about me. Sometimes I get caught up in my own struggles, so being reminded of these connections really lifted my mood and made me feel valued.





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WEEK 2	Gratitude 1	Gratitude 2	Gratitude 3
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WEEK 3	Gratitude 1	Gratitude 2	Gratitude 3
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WEEK 4	Gratitude 1	Gratitude 2	Gratitude 3
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How did practicing gratitude affect your mood and outlook over the w	eek?	



PART 3: Monthly Summary

At the end of each month, summarize your gratitude practice.

— V	What patterns do you notice in the things you are grateful for?
_ F	How has your perspective changed since you started practicing gratitude?



	What new gratitude practices would you like to try next month?
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'	that challenges did you face in practicing gratitude, and how did you overcome them?
1	Which gratitudes can you turn into a daily affirmation?





Self-criticism often has its roots in shame—those deep, painful beliefs that tell you you're not good enough or that you're constantly failing to meet some ideal standard. This feeling of shame can grow stronger over time, undermining your sense of self-worth and making you feel stuck or powerless. When self-criticism is driven by shame, it can create a relentless cycle of doubt, making it hard to see your strengths or move forward confidently.

Understanding how shame drives self-criticism is a crucial step toward breaking this cycle. By recognizing these feelings with kindness and curiosity, you can start building a more compassionate relationship with yourself. This worksheet will guide you in exploring how shame fuels your inner critic and help you find healthier ways to cope, so you can begin to see yourself with more understanding and acceptance.

PART 1: Identify Shame

Understanding what shame looks, sounds, and feels like for you is a first step toward healing.

What does shame look like for you?

Is there a particular facial expression or posture you associate with feeling ashamed?	
What actions or behaviors do you engage in when you feel shame (e.g., withdrawing, avoiding eye contact)?	
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What does shame feel like for you?

How does shame man	nifest in your body (e.g., tightness in the chest, heaviness, a	pit in your stomach)?
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How does it affect you	ur energy levels (e.g., feeling drained, wanting to hide)?	
	What does shame sound like for you?	
w would you describe	the "voice" of shame in your mind?	





PART 2: Draw Your Shame Monster

Drawing your shame monster can help you visualize this emotion and see it as something separate from yourself.

Grab some markers, pencils, stickers, or any other art supplies you have one hand. On the blank space provided, draw what your shame monster looks like. It doesn't need to be a perfect drawing; the goal is to capture how you perceive your shame. Think about what colors, shapes, and features represent your shame. Is it big or small? Does it have a voice? Is it looming or hidden?





PART 3: Journal Questions for Reflection

Journaling can be a powerful tool for processing emotions and shifting your perspective. If journaling feels overwhelming, try setting a timer for maybe 10 minutes, and come back to this part as needed. Use additional paper as needed.

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PART 4: Practicing Self-Compassion

Shame often thrives when we are too hard on ourselves. Self-compassion is about treating ourselves with the same kindness and understanding that we would offer a friend.



Replace self-critical thoughts with compassionate ones.



Use gentle physical touch to comfort and soothe yourself.



Journal your thoughts and feelings with a focus on self-compassion.



Observe your thoughts and feelings without judgment.



Speak to yourself with the same kindness as you would a friend.



Practice gratitude, focusing on what you appreciate about yourself.



Pamper yourself with some over the top self-care



Surround yourself with people and animals who love you



Protect your well-being by setting boundaries - say no when you need to.





PART 5: Positive Affirmations & Mantras

Positive affirmations and mantras can be used to counteract shameful thoughts. Circle one or two that resonate and repeat them daily.

1.	I am enough just as I am.
2.	I did my best today, and that's enough.
3.	Mistakes are a natural part of growth.
4.	I am worthy of compassion and understanding.
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PART	Write down four steps you can take when you notice shame arising. Make the action plan as specific as possible, keeping in mind where you are and what is available to you.
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Self-Co	ompassion Practices:





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Self-criticism often paralyzes us, making it hard to start tasks or make decisions, as the fear of failure or not being "good enough" can freeze us in place. By setting clear, manageable goals, you create a roadmap that breaks through this paralysis, giving you focused steps to follow. Each time you achieve one of these steps, you build evidence against your inner critic and gain a small victory that boosts your confidence. This process gradually weakens the grip of selfcriticism, showing you that you can succeed, grow, and make progress—even in small ways.

Specific

What is your goal? Write down exactly what you want to achieve. Be clear and detailed about what you expect to accomplish.

Example: I want to move out of my parents' house and live independently within the next 6 months, as this will help me create more emotional and physical space to explore who I am outside of their influence.

Measurable

How will you measure your progress? Determine how you will track your progress and know when you have achieved your goal.

I will track my progress by creating a savings plan and budget for my own apartment. I'll aim to save \$500 each month, research affordable housing options, and start visiting potential places within 3 months. I'll also begin purchasing items I'll need for the move, like furniture and kitchenware.

Achievable

Is your goal achievable? Consider what might make this goal difficult and plan how you can overcome those challenges.

To make this goal achievable, I will create a budget that allows me to save monthly while still covering my existing expenses. I will also look for part-time freelance work to supplement my income if needed. I'll start with affordable apartments in areas close to work to reduce commuting costs and make sure I'm financially ready.

Relevant

Why is this goal important to you? Ensure that your goal is relevant and meaningful to your overall life or career goals. Reflect on the value and impact of achieving this goal.

This goal is relevant because moving out will allow me to establish a clear boundary with my parents, reclaim my personal space, and start making decisions that reflect my own values, not theirs. Living independently is a key step in building my confidence and making choices that honor who I am and what I want from life.

Time-Bound

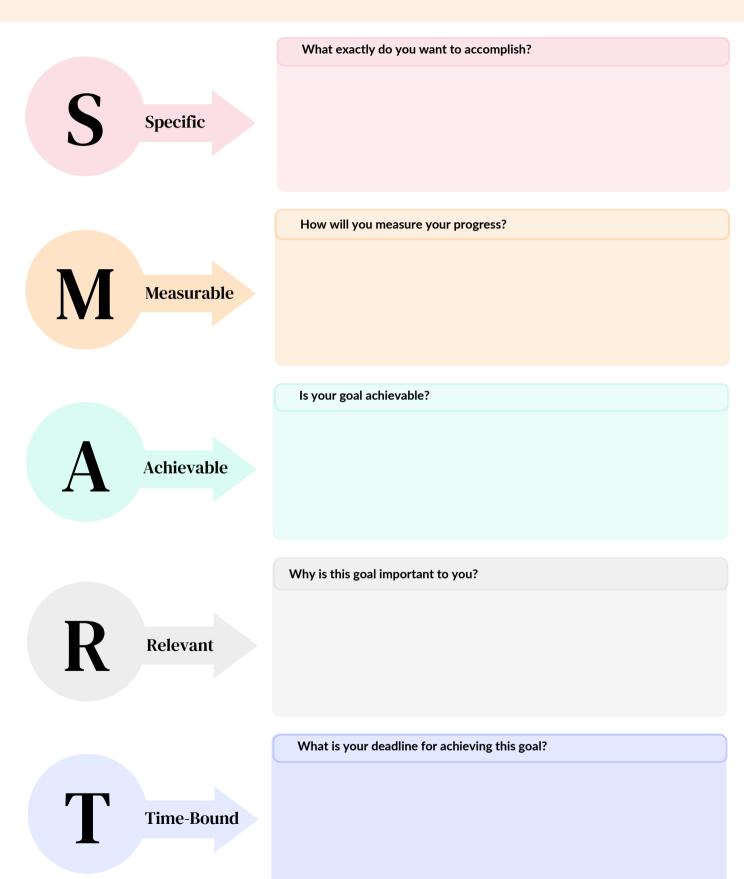
What is your deadline for achieving this goal? Set a specific date by which you plan to achieve your goal.

I will move into my own apartment by the end of 6 months. Within the first 2 months, I'll have saved \$1,000 and visited at least 3 potential apartments. By month 4, I will have made my final decision on an apartment and signed a lease. The final 2 months will be spent preparing for the move and gathering all necessary items.





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SMART Goals

Be Flexible

If you're struggling to reach a goal, don't be afraid to adjust it. It's okay to change the timeline, make the goal smaller, or alter the steps as needed.

Give Yourself Enough Time

Make sure you have enough time to achieve your goals without feeling overwhelmed. It's better to allow extra time and feel accomplished than to set an unrealistic deadline and feel discouraged.

Celebrate Milestones

Reward yourself for every step or milestone you reach, no matter how small. This could be as simple as taking a break, enjoying a favorite treat, or planning a fun activity.

Stay Patient & Be Kind to Yourself

Progress may be slow, and setbacks can happen. Remind yourself that change takes time, and be kind to yourself if things don't go perfectly.

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	What progress have I made so far? What am I proud of?
4	What support or resources might help me continue making progress?





Additional Resources to Support Your Mental Health Journey

It can be hard to know where to begin looking for support in your mental health journey. Getting a referral from a primary care physician is a reliable first step. Also, sometimes family and friends have experienced similar issues and have professionals they would recommend. The experts at ChoosingTherapy.com are here to help as well, with resources we have reviewed and recommend. Our <u>strict editorial standards</u> ensure our reviews are fair, honest, thorough, and based on firsthand experience.

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300+ Companies Reviewed



2,350+ Hours of Firsthand Experience



1,150+
Data Points Analyzed



Best Online Therapy

Online therapy is a convenient way to connect with a licensed therapist to address mental health issues, reduce unhealthy behaviors, develop effective coping skills, and get more satisfaction out of life. Many companies accept insurance and most have next-day appointments available.

Best Online Psychiatry

Online psychiatry providers enable patients to consult with licensed psychiatrists and other mental health professionals. They can evaluate, diagnose, and prescribe medication to help manage mental health issues. Many companies accept insurance and most have next-day appointments available.





Best Mental Health Apps

Apps can be great way to monitor mood, track sleep, journal, and practice healthy coping skills like mindfulness and meditation. There are apps specifically designed to help people reduce the symptoms of depression, anxiety, ADHD, chronic stress, and burnout.

Therapist Directory

When you're looking for a mental health provider with a very particular skill set, level of experience, or personality type, a therapist directory can be very helpful. Using the filters, you can refine your search until you find a therapist who feels like a perfect fit.



